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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO BONGO

REF: LIBREVILLE 1502

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 24, FROM  
PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT BONGO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
GIVEN PROBABLE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING TO BONGO DURING  
OAU CONFERENCE, YOU MAY WISH TO DELIVER SUPPLEMENTARY  
REMARKS (SEPTTEL) FROM SECRETARY TO BONGO (REFERRED TO  
IN PRESIDENT'S LETTER) AT SAME TIME. IF YOU DO, YOU SHOULD  
EXPLAIN THAT YOU RECEIVED SECRETARY'S MESSAGE LATER BUT  
ARE USING OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER BOTH TOGETHER.

2. PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THAT TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH  
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OF JUNE 17 ON MIDDLE EAST BE TRANSMITTED ALONG WITH HIS  
LETTER (TRANSMITTED IN WIRELESS FILE : AF-78-JUNE 17-  
FILE 118-ITEM 78).

3. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
RECENT LETTER IN WHICH YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO SEEK MY VIEWS  
ON SOME OF THE IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES YOU WILL BE

DEALING WITH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. IN THAT POSITION, YOU WILL BE EVEN MORE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE YOUR INSIGHT AND INFLUENCE TOWARD A SOLUTION TO THE COMPLICATED PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST, I HAVE BEEN STRUCK BY THE COMMITMENT OF ALL PARTIES TO SEEK A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THEIR DIFFERENCES. I AM PREPARED TO WORK IN THE MONTHS AHEAD TO HELP ESTABLISH A FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS. AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT, I WILL WELCOME YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR SUCH IMPROVEMENT PROVIDED NORTH KOREA'S ALLIES TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH SOUTH KOREA. WE HAVE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NORTH ON THE FUTURE OF THE PENINSULA ONLY IF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TAKE PART. WE DO NOT INTEND TO DEAL UNILATERALLY WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT ALLOWING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE.

IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE ARE WORKING TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS THAT WILL BRING JUSTICE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO FULL

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POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, THROUGH PEACEFUL PROCESSES, BY ALL SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE.

AT MY REQUEST, SECRETARY VANCE IS PREPARING A DETAILED STATEMENT OF MY VIEWS ON ALL THE OTHER POINTS YOU HAVE RAISED, AND WILL BE SENDING IT TO YOU SOON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS, AND I WELCOME A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE. HIS EXCELLENCY ELHADJ OMAR BONGO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GABON, LIBREVILLE.

4. ORIGINAL OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER BEING TRANSMITTED BY POUCH. CHRISTOPHER

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